

VC KVIB submits Rs 180.41 lakh cheque to LG to be refunded to KVIC

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 8: Dr Hina Shafi Bhat, Vice Chairperson, J&K Khadi Village and Industries Board (KVIB) today submitted a cheque of Rs 180.41 lakh to be refunded to Khadi Village and Industry Commission (KVIC) to

industries to ensure all-round development and self-sustainability of Jammu Kashmir. "KVIB has harmoniously blended modern technology & business practices with tradition and making immense contribution in wealth and job creation. Handicraft clusters, manufactur-

leading boards in the country which have cleared pending liabilities with the KVIC. The amount will be refunded to Khadi & Village Industries Commission, Ministry of MSME, GoI, which borrows funds from the consortium of banks and in turn releases it to the Boards on bankable interest rates enabling them to carry forward the schemes approved by the commission.

J&K Khadi & Village Industries Board had borrowed Rs 734.63 lakh from the Commission under Consortium Bank Credit (CBC) in order to finance the Khadi institutions and rural artisans in the UT. The board had already refunded Rs 671.39 lakh and the latest refund of Rs 180.41 lakh will liquidate the whole liability of J&K KVIB on account of CBC funding, including the accrued interest.

Pertinently, the J&K KVIB is observing a fortnightly long programme under the theme 'Gandhi Katha' to promote Gandhian philosophy and principles.



VC KVIB Dr Hina Shafi Bhat submitting cheque to LG Manoj Sinha.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at the Raj Bhavan.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor appreciated the endeavours of the J&K KVIB in providing training, technology and infrastructure support required for growth of handicraft and local manufacturing units in the Union Territory. He also lauded the efforts of artisans, new entrepreneurs for strengthening village

ing and service units at the village level will significantly contribute to the growth and earnings of artisans," the Lt Governor said.

J&K Khadi and Village Industries Board is among the

Authorities seal liquor shop near Govt school in Srinagar, residents welcome action

SRINAGAR, Oct 8:

In a swift action, authorities sealed a liquor shop that had come up near a school in the Sonwar



Officials sealing liquor shop.

area in the city here in violation of rules, with locals hailing the move.

The liquor shop had come up opposite a Kendriya Vidyalaya and was found to be operating without the permission of the Badami Bagh Cantonment (BBC) Board, under whose jurisdiction the area falls, officials said on Saturday.

"We were informed (about the liquor shop) yesterday (Friday)

and we sealed it yesterday only," BBC Board CEO John Vikas said. "Permission was not taken from the Cantonment Board which is a prerequisite to operate," he said.

Vikas said whether the owner had the license to run the shop or not, the board will not allow a liquor shop to operate near a school.

"Obviously, we will not allow it but he should have applied for that NoC from the Cantonment Board. So, it has been sealed," the CEO said.

Vikas said the board is also mulling legal action against the owner.

"We have provisions for penalties. If any trade is being carried out without taking any license or permission, then there is a provision for penalty," he added.

Local residents praised the board's action. "The shop came up near the school. How can it be allowed to operate? So, we informed the board about it and they acted very swiftly," said Mehraj Ahmad, a local resident.

He said the residents of the area are happy that the BBC Board CEO acted on people's complaint and the shop was sealed immediately. (PTI)



The illuminated Hazratbal Shrine on the eve of Eid-e-Milad in Srinagar on Saturday.

Milad being celebrated with religious fervour in Kashmir

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SRINAGAR, Oct 8: Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW), birth anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW), is being celebrated in Kashmir with religious fervour and night long prayers are being held in various Masjids with biggest congregation at Hazratbal in Srinagar.

Large numbers of devotees are offering special prayers and have a glimpse of the holy relic of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) at Hazratbal shrine. Such prayers are also being held at Jinab Sahib Saura and Aasar-e-Kailashpora in Srinagar and other Masjids across Kashmir.

Officials said that the Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board has made arrangements at the



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Masjids and shrines including at Hazratbal shrine for the devotees.

In South Kashmir, thousands of people are offering prayers at Masjids and shrines mainly at Jamia Masjid Reshi Sahab, Khiram Sirhama, Kaba Marg, Dooru, and Seer Hamdan while similar prayers would also be held from various Masjids and shrines across North Kashmir.

Divisional Administration Kashmir has also made elaborate arrangements at Hazratbal and other shrines across Kashmir for the convenience of the devotees.

Officials said that all the departments including the Power

Development Department (PDD) and the Health Department have made requisite arrangements while Road Transport Corporation (RTC) buses have been kept available for the devotees.

The authorities also issued a traffic advisory, asking people to

LG greets people on Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi

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SRINAGAR, Oct 8: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the eve of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi.

In a message, the Lt Governor said, "On the auspicious occasion of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi, the birthday of the Holy Prophet, I convey my greetings and good wishes to all. The Holy Prophet showed us the path of compassion, love and righteous living. May his teachings of universal love and compassion guide each one of us to live in harmony and unity and bring peace, prosperity and happiness to all".

follow the route plan to ensure the devotees do not face hardships.

The parking for vehicles from the North and Central Kashmir has been kept inside the campus of the University of Kashmir (KU) through Sir Syed Gate (Saderbal side) while the parking for vehicles from south Kashmir and Ganderbal has been kept inside KU's campus at Naseem Bagh through Budshah Gate (Habbak side).

For the vehicle moving from Rainawari, Khanyar towards Hazratbal shrine, the parking has been kept at the NIT Parking while the traffic camp at Hazratbal (VIP Parking) has been specially earmarked for official.

AFSJJ conference hall dedicated to Flt Lt Bal

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JAMMU, Oct 8: On the occasion of 90th Air Force Day, Air Force Station Jammu today dedicated the Station conference hall to 'son of the Soil' braveheart, Flt Lt Advitiya Bal, who made supreme sacrifice for the nation in the 'Line of Duty' on July 28, 2022.

To mark this auspicious day of Indian Air Force as a red letter day, the 'Bal Conference Hall' of Air Force Station, Jammu was inaugurated by Praveen Kumari (mother) and Sub Maj Swaran Bal (father), parents of brave heart Flt Lt Advitiya Bal in the presence of Air Commodore GS Bhullar, (AOC Jammu) and Ruhi Bhullar (President AFWWA {L}) with senior officers of Station along with Principal of Sainik School Nagrota Capt(IN) Desai.

The Braveheart Flt Lt Advitiya Bal, Born on July 16, 1996 at MH Jammu, a true 'Son of the Soil'

gave the ultimate sacrifice in the 'Line of Duty' on July 28, 2022 while flying a Battle Inoculation Training mission on a Mig-21

National Defence Academy and was later commissioned into the Fighter Stream of IAF on June 16, 2018. The bravery and supreme



Conference hall being inaugurated at AF Station Jammu.

Type 69 trainer aircraft. The braveheart with his sheer hard work and perseverance joined Sainik School Nagrota and Fighter Squadron at Utarlai (Flt Lt Bal's squadron), where the young officer made supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.

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